

Beaver Falls City Council met in regular session at 7:00PM on December 13, 2022 in Council Chambers of the City Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenya Johns. The prayer was offered by Councilwoman Vanessa Ford-Taylor that was followed by the pledge to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kenya Johns	City Clerk Paula Durish
Councilwoman Vanessa Ford-Taylor	Police Chief David Johnson
Councilman Leonard Chiappetta	Fire Captain David Seidl
Councilwoman Peggy Evans	D of PW Superintendent Patrick Burdine
Councilman John "Chuckie" Kirkland	WPCP Manager Joe Durish Jr.
City Solicitor Shannon Steele	Chief Financial Officer Sandy Wilkins
City Manager Charles Jones Jr.	Director of Community Development Rochelle Burks

Mayor Johns welcomed everyone in attendance to the Council meeting tonight and wished them all a Merry Christmas!

Mayor Johns announced that Council met in executive session prior to this meeting for personnel reasons.

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Ms. Evans to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2022 Council meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Motion Passed				

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2022 Council meeting. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Motion Passed				

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

Mayor Johns asked Council members to make the following presentations:

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Councilwoman Vanessa Taylor and Councilman Leonard Chiappetta to Head Coach Nick Nardone for the 2022 Beaver Falls Fighting Tigers Football Team congratulating them for being the WPIAL Class 2A Midwestern Conference Champions and WPIAL Class 2A Runners-Up. A round of applause from the audience followed.

The Proclamation honoring The Beaver Falls Little Tigers Mitey Mite Football Team was presented by Councilwoman Peggy Evans and Councilman Chuckie Kirkland to Coach Marco Harris and Coach Josh Whisnant congratulating them for being the 2021 and 2022 Beaver County Football Champions. A round of applause from the audience followed.

Mayor Johns stated if there is anything Council can do, just notify us – kids are our future!

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Chiappetta to adopt Resolution 1662 approving a one year agreement between the City and Eastvale Boro providing for police patrol and protection. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adopt Resolution 1663 approving a one year agreement between the City and Eastvale Boro providing fire protection. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Ms. Evans and seconded by Mr. Chiappetta to adopt Resolution 1664 approving a one year agreement between the City and Eastvale Boro providing code enforcement services. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Evans to adopt Resolution 1665 approving a list of General Fund expenditures, including Payroll, of transactions in the amount of \$321,311.61. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

Chief Financial Officer Sandy Wilkins presented Council with the 2023 budget in the amount of \$46,685,492.13. Council will review the budget and report any changes to Ms. Wilkins before its passage at the December 27, 2022 Council meeting. The 2023 budget will be in the City Clerk's Office for ten days for citizens to review.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Evans to accept the letter of resignation as submitted by Costas Apostolis as Operator in Training from the Beaver Falls Sewage Treatment Plant effective December 29, 2022. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

Mayor Johns wished Mr. Apostolis the best of luck and that his resignation is a loss to the city.

A motion was made by Mr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Taylor to hire Michael Weckerly for the laborer's position in the Department of Public Works effective January 3, 2023 provided he pass the physical and drug tests. The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Motion Passed

Tyrone Ziegler had requested five days prior to the meeting to be placed on the agenda for the Tigerland Wave Pool Project. He began saying this has been a seven (7) year project and remarks on facebook are slandering his character, calling him a liar and a thief. He just wants to open the pool. It is not fair, he could have given up a long time ago. Its not fair that he's being treated the way he is. He gave his life to this project for seven (7) years. He has raised half a million dollars in two (2) years. He received a letter stating that this is a gift. He has put his all into this. He is stressed out. He is not here to disrespect anyone. This was supposed to be fun, for the kids. He changed his life ten (10) years ago. He did not do anything to deserve this. He did everything for the community, kids and families. He strives to be the best he can be. Mayor Johns said, speaking for herself, she appreciates what he's done. She said as for the letter you are referring to, the pool is a gift.....interrupted by Mr. Ziegler. The Mayor continued saying the city will not have rewards from the pool.....interrupted by Mr. Ziegler. After several more attempts to speak and being interrupted by Mr. Ziegler, Mayor Johns said this conversation is over.....interrupted by Mr. Ziegler. In the end, Mr. Ziegler stormed out of Council Chambers saying "he does not want to do this."

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Steele said she prepared several ordinances as requested. Litigation was discussed in executive session. Wished everyone Happy Holidays!

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Burdine thanked Council for hiring Michael Weckerly for his department (Public Works). Said Council has his November report to read.

Ms. Burks commended the Department of Public Works as they helped to get the 600lb butterfly bench for the parklet (by the library) off the delivery truck. She contacted Mr. Burdine and he called his men to help her. The bench will be unveiled in the spring. A lot of information was given to Geneva College students for their debate. She is also posting information to inform the public about the city's neighborhood parade on December 16th.

Fire Captain Seidl read highlights from the November fire department and code department reports.

Ms. Wilkins thanked Mr. Jones, Ms. Durish and the department heads for their help on the budget. The tax office will be collecting taxes at the beginning of 2023. The real estate taxes will be going out on February 1, 2023.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jones thanked Ms. Durish for all the work she did for the Christmas parade and everyone who participated. He was not in town but heard it was a great success.

Ms. Durish said many children enjoyed playing inside Neighborhood North as part of the Winterfest, the parade was well attended and approximately 100 children visited Santa and received treat bags after the parade at Neighborhood North.

Ms. Durish also said that for the record, Police Officer Christina Good's date of hire is November 1, 2022.

Ms. Evans said it has been one year since serving on Council and it is an honor to be with everyone.

Mr. Kirkland thanked Ms. Durish for the great job done on the parade but said no one mentioned Frank Durish (her husband). Mr. Kirkland received a little chuckle from everyone when he said "Frank did everything she (Paula) told him to do." He continued saying that Frank helped Mr. Chiappetta and himself up onto the trailer that he pulled them on in the parade, he did a wonderful job for Council. He appreciates everyone. Loves the City of Beaver Falls. The Chief's doing a great job. Thanks for getting two (2) women police officers. Thanks for getting the best for the city.

Mayor Johns thanked everyone for a great year and wished Happy Holidays to everyone. Appreciates Council, the department heads, Solicitor Steele and wished Mr. Jones a good day.

Mr. Kirkland said the Salopek's are having the Christmas Dinner at the high school and they are asking for help. Churches help and he loves to volunteer. He enjoys doing that, helping someone else.

A motion was made by Mr. Chiappetta and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:42PM.
The vote was:

Taylor	Chiappetta	Evans	Kirkland	Johns
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Motion Passed				

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